

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

June 4, 2001
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

DAN CLAWSON, Council President; TONI NELSON; RANDY CORMAN; DON PERSSON; KING PARKER; TERRI BRIERE; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works; CHIEF LEE WHEELER, Fire Department; KAREN MARSHALL, Human Services Manager; AUDREY SLOAN, Community Program Coordinator; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON and COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, Police Department.

PRESS

Oscar Halpert, *Renton Reporter*

PROCLAMATION

Flag Day - June 14, 2001

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read, declaring June 14, 2001, to be "Flag Day" in the City of Renton, and urging all citizens to pause at 4:00 p.m. on this date to participate in the 22nd annual national pause for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag by joining all Americans in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

**SPECIAL
PRESENTATIONS**

Human Services: Rebuilding
Together with Christmas in
April-Eastside

Mayor Tanner explained that Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April-Eastside is a local division of the national non-profit home repair organization. The organization partners with the City and has served Renton citizens for over two years by providing home makeovers for selected residents. Teams of up to 40 volunteer members per household attempt to complete the work for each home in one day in April. He noted that the organization provided assistance to four Renton homes this year.

Mayor Tanner presented Jerry Hardebeck, Committee Chair, with a plaque in recognition of his efforts. Mr. Hardebeck expressed his appreciation for the City's assistance with the program and thanked the City for promoting the organization.

Police: Volunteer Recognitions

Chief of Police Garry Anderson and Community Program Coordinator Audrey Sloan recognized the following Police Department volunteers:

- Joseph Diambri (achieved 1,500 hours since April 16, 1998)
- Stuart Durden (achieved 2,765 hours since May 25, 1987)

Chief Anderson also announced that Mr. Durden was chosen as the Police Department Volunteer of the First Quarter 2001.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2001 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✧ On May 30th, Olympic Pipe Line refilled their 16-inch line with fuel, including the portion that runs through Renton. The pipeline is now operational, with a mandated maximum operating pressure of 80% normal operation pressure.
- ✧ Rotary of Renton donated \$3,500 to the City of Renton Scholarship Program.
- ✧ The Renton City Concert Band is scheduled to perform at Carco Theater on Friday, June 8th. Tickets may be reserved by calling 425-430-6707 or purchased at the Community Center.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Cross – St. Anthony's Church Vacation, Whitworth Ave S between S 4th St & Parallel Alley (VAC-00-003)

Wade Cross, 322 Morris Ave. S., Renton, 98055, spoke in opposition to the St. Anthony Church proposed street vacation of Whitworth Ave. S. and submitted a 46-signature petition opposing the vacation. He commented that many people in the neighborhood are unaware of the proposed street closure. Mr. Cross described the reasons he opposes the closure of Whitworth Ave. S. as follows:

- Traffic congestion and parking problems on Morris Ave. S. will increase significantly if Whitworth Ave. S. is closed. He displayed photos of Morris Ave. S. during a church service, and pointed out that with vehicles parked on both sides of the 30-foot wide street, cars can only drive in one direction at a time. Mr. Cross also expressed concern about emergency vehicle access.
- He disputed the argument that the proposed street vacation is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Cross interprets the Comprehensive Plan's goal of "intensity of use" for the downtown area as vertically oriented expansion and also suggested that the proposed demolition of the church's social hall does not meet the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.
- The closure of Whitworth Ave. S. will disconnect and divide the neighborhood.
- The closure of Whitworth Ave. S. will greatly affect the traffic and parking in the surrounding neighborhood. He pointed out that currently, traffic enforcement in the area occurs during the week, not on the weekends when church services are being held and the greatest congestion occurs. He estimated that 44 public parking spaces will be lost if Whitworth Ave. S. is closed and expressed his concern that all of the parking spaces will not be restored. Mr. Cross suggested that the City analyze the parking and traffic in the area.

In conclusion, Mr. Cross pointed out that that some neighbors who are against the closing of Whitworth Ave. S. do not oppose the church expansion altogether; and he asked the Council to deny the street vacation request.

Councilman Parker stressed that the church must provide adequate parking and said that the parking issues will be addressed as part of the site plan process.

Mayor Tanner stated for the record that the Council is responsible for the vacation of the street and the Administration is responsible for making sure that the transportation and parking requirements for the development regulations are met. He emphasized that it is not the job of Mr. Cross to have to negotiate with the church.

	Council President Clawson advised that if the vacation is approved, there will be an opportunity for public comment during the site plan process.
CONSENT AGENDA	Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.
Council Minutes of May 21, 2001	Approval of Council minutes of May 21, 2001. Council concur.
Appeal: Service Linen Expansion, Service Linen Supply (SA-00-131)	City Clerk reported appeal of Hearing Examiner's decision on the Service Line expansion site approval (SA-00-131); appeal filed on 5/10/2001 by Jeff Weber, Buck & Gordon, LLP, representing Service Linen Supply, Inc., accompanied by the required fee. Refer to <u>Planning & Development Committee</u> .
Plat: Stone Castle, Monterey Ave NE (FP-01-049)	Development Services Division recommended approval, with conditions, of the Stone Castle final plat; 28 single-family lots on 4.35 acres located in the vicinity of Monterey Ave. NE, NE 23rd St. and Kennewick Pl. NE (FP-01-049). Council concur. (See page 173 for resolution.)
Planning: Development Agreement Changes, Aegis Capital International & T and E Investment	Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended acceptance of proposed changes to the Development Agreement with T and E Investment, Inc. and Aegis Capital International, approved by Council on 8/7/2001, which limited use of the site located south of NE 3rd St., between Edmonds and Monroe Avenues NE to Office and Self-Storage, and imposed specific development standards. Refer to <u>Planning & Development Committee</u> .
Community Event: Renton River Days Fee Waivers & Banner Installations	Executive Department requested waiver of permit fees for 2001 Renton River Days activities endorsed by Renton River Days Board of Directors. Staff additionally sought authorization to install River Days banners on City light poles from June 25 through August 17. Council concur.
Streets: Rename Portion of N Riverside Dr to Nishiwaki Lane	Executive Department recommended renaming a portion of N. Riverside Dr. from the intersection of N. 6th St. and Logan Ave. N. continuing north along the Cedar River Trail to the mouth of the river to Nishiwaki Lane, in honor of the Sister City relationship between Renton and Nishiwaki, Japan. Council concur.
Human Services: 2002 CDBG Funds, King County	Human Services Division recommended approval of an agreement with King County accepting an estimated \$390,647 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for 2002. Council concur.
Acquisition: Right-of-Way, NE Sunset Blvd & Anacortes Ave NE Intersection Improvement Project	Technical Services Division recommended approval of the appraisal and the setting of compensation at \$21,593 for the acquisition of right-of-way as part of the NE Sunset Blvd. (SR-900) and Anacortes Ave. NE intersection improvement project. Council concur.
Transportation: Maple Valley Hwy (SR-169) HOV/Queue Jump Project, Perteet Engineering, CAG-01-071	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a contract with Perteet Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$600,318 for the design of the Maple Valley Highway (SR-169), HOV/Queue Jump Project. Council concur.
Transportation: SW 7th St & Lind Ave SW Traffic Signal Design & Construction, WSDOT Grant	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with WSDOT to receive grant funding in the amount of \$270,000 for the design and construction of a traffic signal at SW 7th St. and Lind Ave. SW. Refer to <u>Transportation Committee</u> .
Transportation: East Valley Rd	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with

Rehabilitation, WSDOT Grant

WSDOT to receive additional grant funding in the amount of \$167,411 for the rehabilitation of East Valley Rd. from SW 41st St. to Lind Ave. SW. Refer to Transportation Committee.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COUNCIL CONCUR.

Human Services: 2002 CDBG Funds, King County

In response to Mayor Tanner's inquiry regarding whether the Community Development Block Grant funding will come directly to the City instead of through King County now that the City has reached a population of 50,000, Human Services Manager Karen Marshall stated that the City is eligible to become a direct entitlement City in 2003.

OLD BUSINESS

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 193221 - 193583 and one wire transfer totaling \$1,330,859.17; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 31730 - 32003 and 537 direct deposits totaling \$1,647,621.58. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #3507

Plat: Stone Castle, Monterey Ave NE (FP-01-049)

A resolution was read approving the Stone Castle final plat; 4.35 acres located in the vicinity of Monterey Ave. NE, NE 23rd St. and Kennewick Pl. NE (FP-01-049). MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 6/11/2001 for second and final reading:

Development Services: A-Frame Signs

An ordinance was read amending Section 4-1-140.M.3 of Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, and adding Section 4-4-100.J.5.1 of Chapter 4, Property Development Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code by adopting fees and a permit schedule for A-frame signs. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/11/2001. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:

Ordinance #4906

Franchise: Time Warner Telecom of Washington, Fiber Optics System

An ordinance was read granting unto Time Warner Telecom of Washington, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Corporation, its successors and assigns, the right, privilege, authority and franchise to install fiber optics cable underground together with appurtenances thereto, upon, over, under, along, across the streets, avenues and alleys of the City of Renton for the purpose of installing infrastructure to operate as a broadband digital communication provider and carrier utilizing switching and fiber optic facilities. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #4907

Utility: Sewer Connection by Property Owners Outside City Limits, City Code Revision

An ordinance was read amending Section 4-6-040.C, of Chapter 6, Street and Utility Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code by revising policies by which the City allows connection to its sanitary sewer system by property owners outside of the current City limits. MOVED BY

CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

SCA: Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler Elected President

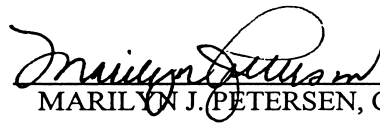
Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler announced that she was recently elected to the Office of President for the Suburban Cities Association.

Council: Former Councilman Timothy Schlitzer

Council President Clawson remembered former Councilman Timothy Schlitzer who died on May 23rd, by recalling his accomplishments which included serving as a Renton police officer from 1971 to 1990 and being elected to the Council in 1992 and serving until 2000. Mr. Clawson expressed his gratitude for Mr. Schlitzer's service to the City of Renton on behalf of the Renton City Council and the Renton citizens, and offered his condolences to Mr. Schlitzer's family and friends.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:34 p.m.



MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
June 4, 2001